

Foundations of Healing

Lesson 3: The Nature of God

Hebrews 11:6 “But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

Faith comes from knowledge of the nature of the person we put our faith and trust in.

The ability to be deceived comes when we aren't certain about the character of a person.

Genesis 3:1-6

1. God's nature towards us is good.

He is a good father that desires only good things for His children.

Jeremiah 29:11 ” For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

God's desire from the very beginning was to bless us. He created us perfect, without sickness or disease. Then He blessed us. Sin changed our condition, but it did not change God's nature or His heart towards us. God has not changed.

James 1:17 “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.”

Hebrews 13:8 “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”

2. God's Nature is Healer.

Last week, we established from 1 John 4:8 that God's very nature is love. He doesn't just love us, He is love. In the same way, healing is part of God's nature. He is our healer!

Exodus 15:26 “and said, “If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His

statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord who heals you.”

Exodus 23:25-26 “So you shall serve the Lord your God, and He will bless your bread and your water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of you. No one shall suffer miscarriage or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days.”

3. God has always been the Initiator of blessings and covenants.

Man didn't come up with idea of covenant and bring it to God. Because of His grace and mercy, God was the One who came to mankind to establish covenant and bless us.

Adam and Eve: *Genesis 1:26-28*

Noah: *Genesis 9:8-11*

Abraham: *Genesis 12:1-3*

Moses and Israel: *Exodus 19:3-8*

Psalms 81:10-14

God's heart for Israel was to protect them from their enemies. He was always ready and willing to defend them and fulfill His part of the covenant.

Jesus: *Luke 22:19-20*

Hebrews 8:6 “But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.”

4. God is a loving and just father.

God is not like an unjust judge, who has to be begged or worn down before he will help us. He is a loving and just Father who is quick to hear the prayers of His children and willingly respond. Persistent prayer isn't about changing God's nature or getting Him to concede to our request. It's about keeping our hearts anchored in faith in who we know He already is.

Luke 18:1-8 "Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.' And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow troubles me I will [c]avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.' "Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said. And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

5. God nature toward us is to deliver us and set us free!

Psalm 34:18 "The Lord is near unto them that are of a broken heart and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous but the Lord delivers them out of them all."

6. God brings loving correction.

The Lord chastens and corrects us, but He does not put sickness on us to teach us a lesson.

Hebrews 12:5-11 "And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; For whom the Lord loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives." If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it."

Because He is Jehovah Rapha, the Lord our Healer, the one whose power dwells within us and flows through us, we can confidently resist sickness knowing that healing belongs to us through Christ.